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TITLE OF FORM LINE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE SYSTEM  
INVENTION

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/847,935

Applicant(s)

KELLER et al

Examiner

Jacques H. Louis-Jacques

Group Art Unit

3661



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to March 22, 1999

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-12, and 14

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

*Jacques Louis-Jacques*  
JACQUES H. LOUIS-JACQUES  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Tarek N. Fahmi (Reg. No. 41,402) on March 25, 1999.

2. The application ~~has~~ been amended as follows:

In claim ~~4~~, line 7, "and/or" has been changed to --and--.

In claim ~~7~~, line 8, "and/or" has been changed to --and--.

In claim ~~12~~, line 9, "and/or" has been changed to --and--.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Jacques H. Louis-Jacques** whose telephone number is (703) 305-9757.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the **Group Receptionist** whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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(703) 305-7687, (for formal communications intended for entry, please indicate as so; and for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT")

/jlj  
March 26, 1999

*Jacques H. Louis Jacques*  
JACQUES H. LOUIS JACQUES  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present application relates to a form line following guidance system. The claimed invention sets forth updating a form line according to one or more deviations by following a form line defined by a positioning data and a swath offset, deviating from the form line to accommodate one or more terrain features, collecting new GPS data during following and deviating and computing one or more positions therefrom, and defining an updated form line using the computed positions. The aforementioned limitations and combination thereof are not taught in the prior art. In light of the foregoing, the claims of the present application are found to be patentable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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